



ST. MARGARET SHRINE

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Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

December 21, 2025

Clergy & Office Staff

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Father Jeffery Couture

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Deacon Donald Foust

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Nancy Teixeira

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Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday: 8:15 a.m., Rosary after Mass

Sunday Mass Schedule

St Anthony Novina (When possible)

Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. in Italian, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

8:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday 7:45-8:15 a.m.

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Confession also available by appointment

St. Pio of Pietrelcina Mass

Last Friday of Month, April-October: 6:00 p.m.

Rosary before Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care

Contact the office to schedule a visit to the sick

Saturday 12/20

8:15 a.m. +Michael Couture by Family

4:00 p.m. +Maria Lopes by Fatima Araujo

Sunday 12/21

8:00 a.m. +Andrew A Loman by Lucia Palmieri

9:30 a.m. +Luigi & Anthony Tucci by Anna Tucci

11:00 a.m. +Antonia Lisi by Lena & Beny

Monday 12/22

8:15 a.m. +Laura Mastroianni by Nick & Family

Tuesday 12/23

8:15 a.m. Bridgeport Police Dept.

Wednesday 12/24 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. +Franky Palmieri by Lucia Palmieri

10:00 p.m. Priest Intentions

Thursday 12/25 Christmas

8:00 a.m. Priest Intentions

9:30 a.m. Priest Intentions

11:00 a.m. Priest Intentions

Friday 12/26

8:15 a.m. Bridgeport Fire Dept.

Saturday 12/27

8:15 a.m. +John S. Altavilla, Sr.

4:00 p.m. +Migliore Family by Mary Jane

Sunday 12/28

8:00 a.m. +Antonia Lisi

9:30 a.m. +Martino Parrella by Family

11:00 a.m. +Madeline Smith by Deacon Don

+Dominic Staltaro by Family

+Frank Ventresca by Katina & Children

Sanctuary Candle In Loving Memory of Frank Ventresca
by Katina & Children

Offertory Collections-GOAL \$5,500

Week of December 14, 2025

1st Collection \$1,922

2nd Collection \$343

Important Contact Information

For assistance with planning a

Funeral, Wedding, Baptism

Contact Lucia Palmieri at (917) 578-8443

Prayer Line

If you know someone in need of prayer, please contact:

Judy Duva
(203) 372-5114.

We will pray for them and pass their name to others for additional prayers. In short time, they will have many prayers said for them.



Please keep in your prayers the following members of our Shrine Community

Sick: Gaetano Camagna, Francisca Campos Carmen, John Carroll, Ann Marie Casey, Richard Colucci, Maryann Colucci, Anthony Colucci, M. Celfo, Dennis Conlan, Pat Copetta, Carmela Cuto, Maria D., Judith Day, Marlene Dervil, Gasner Dervil, Jean Dervil, Rosa Donofrio, Antonette Drew, Judy Duva, Lyndsey Ellis, Ruth Fririhio, Molly J. Francois, Rachele Francois, Gina Freddino, Jacqueline Petit Frere, Umberto Fronterotta, Bria Guilford, Beth Herbert, Jean Joseph, Vlad Joseph, Addiany Joseph, Kaylee, Danni Kemp, Tom Kerr, Debra Klein, Lazarre Neptune Lamy, Hadjry Lauture, Kathy Liello, Jenna Macchio, Mariette Makhraz, Anna Mastrone, John Maserano, Art Meyer Jr, Artie Meyer III, Diane Martinsky, Carlo Minopoli, Colleen Mitchell, Ruby Noel, Eileen O'Sullivan, Len Paoletta, Irene Perretta, Nia Philippe, Terri Phillip, Eric Pidluski, Joseph Pierre, Jaiden Andreiz Ragsdale, Jaqueline Raposo, Bob Reed, Alicia Reilly, Maryann Robles, Paul Rigoli, Luis Rosario, Matteo S., Patricia Sci, George Sherwood, Alessandra Marie Simon, Sister MaryJane, George Strauch, Marie, Tedesco, Rachel Thau, Anthony Urciuoli, Philippe Valentin, Ada & Bernardo Vittori, George Wilson, Bill Woods, Joseph Zeppieri

4th Sunday of Advent

Music for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance: 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' (#39) - Let us gather with hearts full of hope, singing of our longing for the Messiah's arrival.

Offertory: 'Come Now, O Long Expected Jesus' (#157) - May our gifts and prayers rise to the Lord, as we await the coming of Christ.

Communion: 'Bread of Life' (#141) - Nourished by the Eucharist, may we be strengthened for the journey ahead.

Meditation: 'Be Not Afraid' (#439) - May the Lord's presence calm our fears and fill us with peace.

Exit: 'Maranatha' (#374) - Come, Lord Jesus, come!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC:

Join us for Christmas Worship!

Hymns for the Season:

'Angels We Have Heard on High' (109)

'O Come, All Ye Faithful' (102)

'The First Noel' (115)

'O Little Town of Bethlehem' (88)

'Silent Night' (84)

'What Child is This' (101)

'Joy to the World' (90)

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' (105)

'We Three Kings' (117)

'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' (91)

'Away in a Manger' (80)

May these beloved hymns fill your heart with joy and wonder as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Upcoming News and Events

ALTAR GUILD ANNUAL GIVING TREE!

The Altar Guild's "Giving Tree" is now up!
Please take an ornament (s) as you leave mass.
Purchase and return the gift-wrapped item(s) with the ornament tag taped to the gift.
For clothing, include the gender and size.
The purchased item(s) should be returned before Christmas and placed in the box in front of the tree.
All gifts will be distributed locally.
Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil

4pm & 10pm (Italian & English)

Christmas Day

8:00am, 9:30am Italian, 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2026

8:15am 12:15pm

Thank you to John Tedesco and the Trinacria Society of Bridgeport for their generous Christmas toy drive! Many items were collected and will be delivered to the needy and to shelters in our local Bridgeport area.

Saint Margaret Shrine

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 12/12/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$25,500
Total Pledged:	\$27,200 (107%)
Donors to Date:	80 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Holy Hour of Exposition

Join us every Friday from 3:00 to 4:00pm for a Holy Hour of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed within the hour.

Patience, prayer and silence...these are what give strength to the soul." -St. Faustina Kowalska

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas!

Visit our beautiful Presepio 9am-3pm
A traditional Italian Nativity scene, on display in our shrine. May the story of Jesus' birth fill your heart with joy, love, and wonder. All are welcome to come and be inspired by the gift of God's love.

Shrine Men's Group

All men of the parish are invited to join the Shrine Men's Group, which meets on the first Saturday of every month at 7:00 AM in the Community Hall. Our meetings begin with a prayer, followed by a reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of Scripture, grow in your faith, and connect with other men of the parish. Join us for fellowship, and prayer. Coffee and cake are available before the meeting, so come early!

Join us after daily Mass for the Rosary! This beautiful devotion brings us closer to God, calms our hearts, and unites us as a community.



All are welcome!

When the rosary is said well, it gives Jesus to mothers, fathers, and children, and it makes the family unbreakable.

Christmas Crowd Alert!

Welcome to our festive family, newcomers and regulars alike! We're thrilled to share our shrine's warmth and joy with you, even if you're just here because you were promised a cookie. If you're one of the many visitors who only come to town once a year, we want to say: PLEASE COME BACK SOON! We promise not to make you sit through too many more hymns, and we'll save you a seat (and maybe even a cookie)

Please Join Our Shrine!

We warmly invite you to become a part of the Saint Margaret Shrine community! As a shrine, we're a unique family that complements your parish, allowing you to deepen your devotion and connection with us. To learn more about membership and take the next step, please call our office 203-333-9627. We can't wait to welcome you home

Make Music with Us!

Do you play an instrument or sing? We invite you to join our vibrant music team at Saint Margaret Shrine! Our Italian choir and talented soloists bring joy to our masses, and we'd love for you to be a part of it. Reach out to Lucia Palmieri 917-578-8443 to learn more and share your gifts with our community!



Serve with Love

Join The Lady's Altar Guild!

We're seeking volunteers to join our dedicated group of women serving the Lord and our shrine. The Lady's Altar Guild is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, connect with like-minded women, and contribute to the beauty of our liturgies. To learn more, please contact Lorraine Carrano 203-615-4598

Christmas Gift Idea

Honor a Veteran by donating a brick, in his or her name, to our Veterans Memorial. You can donate a brick honoring Veterans from the U.S. and our Allies, wartime, peacetime, regular, reserve, and currently serving.

Bricks are installed year-round. The names of the Veterans, on newly installed bricks are read at Mass on every Veterans Day November 11th. Brick forms in the Chapel entrance or if you would like one sent to you; email: artfalco8@gmail.com or call 203-514-1728.

For those unable to receive Communion or are homebound:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

Confession Reminder: **Our confessional is located behind the statue of St. Joseph.**

As you prepare to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, consider asking Saint Joseph to intercede for you. This humble saint, known for his devotion to God and his family, a powerful patron for those seeking forgiveness and guidance. May his prayers support you on your spiritual journey.

Virtus Training The Diocese of Bridgeport is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all children in our Diocese. If you are a volunteer the requirement is that you attend a virtue class which is given online or in person..For any questions contact our Shrine coordinator Nancy Teixeira 203-374-4400 or email ntjb55@yahoo.com

Daughters of Charity of the Most Precious Blood Preschool



3 to 5 Years Old

1490 North Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Email: dcpbpreschool@gmail.com

Phone# (203) 334 7000; Cell # (203) 690 8334

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Saint Margaret Shrine Bridgeport CT



Dearest Family in Christ,

Welcome Home! As we gather as one family, united in love and faith, we give thanks for the rich traditions that have shaped us. May the warmth of our shared faith, the love of our families, and the bonds of our community strengthen us on our journey.

May the light of Christ's coming illuminate our hearts, homes, and lives, guiding us to love, serve, and cherish one another as He has loved us. May our tight-knit family of faith be a beacon of hope, radiating joy, compassion, and kindness to all we meet.

May our Blessed Mother, Mary, intercede for us, and may we follow her example of love, faith, and devotion. May we continue to grow in unity, support one another, and celebrate our shared faith with hearts full of joy and love.

Amen.

